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Title: APPARATUS FOR EXTENDED SELF-PINNED LAYER FOR A
CURRENT PERPENDICULAR TO PLANE HEAD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2006, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.